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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP. TRAVEL OF DR. WARREN PRELL AND R/V VEMA.

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1. NSF DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (INT) HAS RECEIVED CLARIFICATION ON DR. PRELL'S PROPOSED RESEARCH ABOARD R/V VEMA: "PRELL IS INFERRING MONSOON VARIATIONS FROM CHANGES IN SEDIMENT PROPERTIES. THE NECESSARY SEDIMENT SAMPLES ARE TO BE GATHERED ON R/V VEMA CRUISE. THE TECHNIQUES ARE WELL DOCUMENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, GULF STREAM DISPLACEMENTS DEDUCED FROM SEDIMENT DISTRIBUTION, HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH GLACIER ADVANCE IN EUROPE. WITH RESPECT TO CLIMATIC VARIATIONS OF THE MONSOON, THEORY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ESTIMATE MONSOON INTENSITY. PRELL AND HIS DATA ARE BADLY NEEDED TO STUDY THIS RELATIONSHIP."

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2. STATEMENT ON PRELL'S RESEARCH, PARAGRAPH 1, CONSISTENT WITH STATED PURPOSE OF CRUISE OF R/V VEMA AND INFORMATION REFTTEL B ON PRELL'S RESEARCH.

3. NSF/INT PROCEEDING WITH AWARD FOR PRELL'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO JOIN R/V VEMA UNLESS EMBASSY EXPRESSES OBJECTION.

FYI. NSF/INT IS NOT REPEAT NOT OTHERWISE INVOLVED WITH
R/V VEMA CRUISE.
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